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Health Update

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Communicable Disease Annual Report

On February 11, 2014 the Communicable Disease Annual Report was presented to the Davis County Board of Health. This report summarizes all the communicable diseases reported in Davis County during 2013. It highlights the diseases that had the greatest impact on the health and well-being of our community. To review a copy of the report, visit: http://www.co.davis.ut.us/health/featured_items/2013_communicable_disease.pdf

Measles

Recently, an increased number of measles cases and outbreaks have been reported in the United States. Typically 60 cases are reported annually; however, during 2013, 189 cases were reported in the United States. So far in 2014, several outbreaks are under investigation, including outbreaks in California (49 cases) and New York (20 cases). Additionally, the Philippines are experiencing a large number of measles cases. The majority of cases in these outbreaks are related to transmission in unvaccinated populations.

Measles is a serious illness characterized by a generalized maculopapular rash that begins on the face and extends to the body and extremities over several days. The lesions may coalesce and blanch with pressure. The rash will be accompanied by a high fever and at least one of the following: cough, coryza, and conjunctivitis.

Public health strongly encourages clinicians to become familiar with the signs and symptoms of measles. Resources are available on the Utah Department of Health website at <http://health.utah.gov/epi/diseases/measles>. Clinicians should keep measles in mind when treating patients with fever and rash, especially if the patient has had exposure to a known case, recently traveled internationally, and/or known susceptibility to measles (unvaccinated).

Please encourage your patients to check their vaccine status and be vaccinated if they have not received 2 doses of MMR. The MMR vaccine is available at the Davis County Health Department's clinics in Bountiful and Clearfield. For information about the vaccine and clinic hours, please call (801) 525-5020.

A measles case is considered a public health emergency warranting an immediate public health response. Any suspect or confirmed case of measles should be reported immediately to the Davis County Health Department Disease Reporting Hotline at (801) 525-5220. Do not wait for laboratory confirmation to report a suspect case.

Questions/Reporting

If you have questions about measles or the Communicable Disease Annual Report, please call the Davis County Health Department at (801) 525-5200.